

PRAY • WHAT IF YOU ONLY HAD ONE MESSAGE • MARK 12:28-31 NIV

#### Review

- Loving God is **Primary**.
- We love God by loving Jesus by loving others.

TR: LOVE FEELS TOO FEMININE? • EMOTION OR ACTION? • LOVE YOU / LIKE YOU HEART • SOUL • MIND • STRENGTH :: HEART!!

# **How to Love God from the Heart**

SEEK it...

ILL: I LOVE YOU LORD SONG ... DEPRESSION ... PS 42:11, 42:1-2 • PRAYER • WORSHIP • MEXICO

# ... because God gave you your <u>H E A R T</u> and he wants to **M E E T Y O U T H E R E**.

GP: WHERE DO YOU STAND WITH GOD TODAY? (INTELLECT, COMMITMENT, DUTY, FEAR ILL: MIDDLE SCHOOL... DO YOU LIKE ME? • WHO WILL SAY, "I LOVE YOU" FIRST?

## BELIEVE it...

ILL: PRODIGAL SON STORY • LUKE 15:17-20 • HAVE YOU EVER LONGED FOR A THING TO BE RETURNED OR A RELATIONSHIP TO BE RESTORED? • JOHN 3:16, ROMANS 5:8, JOHN 15:13

# ... because he **PROVES** it **OVER** and **OVER**.

TR: ARE THESE JUST STORIES? • ARE THEY TRUE? • ARE THEY PERSONAL?

#### RISK it..

ALABASTER JAR - MARY / LAZARUS' BROTHER - BUT LUKE TELLS AN EARLIER ONE
LUKE 7:36-48 • HER RISK • WHAT FIRST? LOVE / FORGIVE • 7:36-48 NASB • NOT WORKS, LOVE
ILL: IF HE WERE A PROPHET? HE DID KNOW... HE EVEN KNEW SIMON!! • TWO PEOPLE, LOVED BOTH!!

# ... because he will **COME THROUGH**.

PSALM 37:4 • I DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHEN HE WILL COME THROUGH, BUT THIS IS THE THING JESUS LONGS FOR • THIS IS WHERE HE MEETS HIS PEOPLE

#### **Take it Home**

IS YOUR HEART BROKEN? IS YOUR HEART EMPTY? TAKE ANOTHER RISK TOWARD GOD

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

**Revelation 3:20 NIV** 

TAKE YOUR FRAGILE LITTLE HEART, YOUR ALABASTER JAR, YOUR EMBARRASSING DESIRE FOR LOVE, AND BRING
IT DIRECTLY TO THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS



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# News & Events at LCC and in our Community!

#### Lafayette Community Church exists to simply help people follow Jesus.

We're so glad you have found us. Our whole aim is to help you follow Jesus. Life is complex, but following Jesus doesn't have to be hard. We want to help you no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

We do what we do because we believe God has called us to be a blessing to others, helping make their life better because of the love of Christ. We do what we do because we believe that when we serve others, we discover a little more what abundant life really is. Whether you are discovering life in Christ or you want to help others, you've found a home with us.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We know that many of you are new around here, and we want to help you find ways to plug in and get involved. Here are just a few of the volunteer opportunities available to you these days (we always offer training):

Our **Tech Team** does audio/video/lighting on Sundays and manages apps, websites, and more during the week.

Our **Connections Team** handles our lobby hospitality including running the coffee bar, greeting people at the doors, and managing Kidopolis Registration.

Our **Kidopolis Team** handles our Sunday Kidopolis program. We need teachers, helpers, and administrative people too.

Our **Worship Team** manages our Sunday music. If you are musical, or if you want to lend administrative help, we'd love to have you.

Our Cleaning Team keeps the building spic and span!

If you'd like to help in any of these ways, reach out to Pastor Jeff and he'll point you in the right direction.

#### **Fusion Youth: 5-7pm**

Fusion Youth begins in full tonight at Sunrise Christian Reformed Church. We share a light dinner, play some games, learn a lesson and break up into small groups to discuss and apply what we are learning. It's an exceptional time for any teenager who wants to grow in their faith, in their knowledge of God, and in their relationships with others.

#### **Small Groups**

We have a number of small groups currently running:

**Sundays, 5:30pm.** Contact Matt (570-556-6753) or Dani (570-490-4572) Bastian.

**Wednesday, 7:00pm.** Multi-church, multi-racial adult Bible Study meeting in September at our place. Contact Pastor Jeff (765-404-0807) or join by Zoom with this link: https://lafayettecc.org/go/zoom-foster

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